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Dear Mr. Rider:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would like to congratulate the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), Nonpoint Source Program (NPSP), for the successful development and implementation of nonpoint restoration projects across the Commonwealth. PADEP is also to be commended for the reporting of several water quality restoration efforts that have helped the Commonwealth to achieve its overall water quality goals. As a result, EPA has determined that the PADEP has achieved Satisfactory Progress in their NPSP for Federal fiscal year 2011 (FFY11). Enclosed, please find the Progress Review for Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Nonpoint Source Program – FFY11.

The FFY11 Section 319 NPSP grant to Pennsylvania included both "base" and "incremental" funding. The "base" Section 319 funding supports ongoing program management and administration as well as an occasional NPS implementation demonstration project. The "incremental" program supports many watershed restoration projects in state priority watersheds such as the Conewago, Hungry Run, Mill Creek watersheds and Hubler Run and Six Mile Run/Sandy Creek AMD projects. These projects will contribute toward the attainment of Water Quality Standards (WQS) set for each particular stream segment. Pennsylvania now has 33 watershed implementation plans (WIPs) approved and in place; the remaining plans will be completed in 2012.



Thank you for your continued dedication to the development of WIPs and the implementation of watershed restoration projects. These efforts continue to support significant water quality improvements across the state. Should you have any questions please contact Susan McDowell (215-814-2739) or Fred Suffian (215-814-5753) of my staff.

Sincerely,

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Enclosure

cc: Douglas Goodlander, PA DEP, Chief, Nonpoint Source Management
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